

## Andrew Jackson to John Randolph, May 26, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN RANDOLPH.1

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Washington, May 26, 1831.

*D'r Sir*, I have received your letter of the 6th ulto. and deeply regret the continuance of your bad state of health. It is our duty however to acquiesce in the dispensation of Providence, and to regard what they have not placed within our controul as withheld for wise purposes.

Instructions will be sent to you from the proper Department which I trust will releive you from every embarrassment, so far as you may have felt any, on account of our desire that you should have visited St Petersburg before your return to the United States. The explanations due to the Russian Government on the occasion of the termination of your mission can as well be made from London: and you are accordingly authorised to make them without visiting again the Russian court. As soon afterwards as the state of your health will permit you will be at liberty to sail for the United States.

It will afford me the greatest pleasure to meet you again in your native land: In the mean time I can only say that I wish you a prosperous voyage, and all the happiness with which a sincere friendship, and the most cordial and high respect for your eminent services to your country, would be glad to crown your remaining years

very respectfully yr. obt. svt